

**STATE ENHANCED 9-1-1
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**

Members Present:

Chair Chris Fischer, APCO
Dan Aycock, *Member At Large*
Dave Cowardin, *Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs*
Jack Cvitanovic, *Department of Health*
Patty Danner, *Large Urban Counties – East*
Marlys Davis, *King County*
Bill Graedel, *Washington State Association of Counties - East*
Jon Kaino, *Washington State Association of Counties – West*
Dan LaRoche, *Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs*
Jim Merritt, *Washington Fire Commissioners Association*
Jeanne Massingham, *Washington State Emergency Management Association*
Lynn Mell, *Voice Stream Wireless*
Mike Suelzle, *Qwest*
Marj Williams, *Large Urban Counties West*

Alternate Members Present:

JoAnn Boggs, *Small Rural Counties – East*
Mike Fagan, *Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA)*
Dave Griffith, *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC)*
Fred Wilcox, *Washington State Patrol (WSP)*
Naomi Wu, *Small Rural Counties - West*

Guests Present:

Tom Griffith, Deb Welsch, John Talbot, Sophia Byrd, Steve Reinke

State Office Staff Present:

Bob Oenning, Catherine Bartholomew, Teresa Lewis

Welcome and Introductions:

Chris Fischer called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Members and guests introduced themselves.

There was one amendment to the August 16, 2001 minutes. On page 3, under Wireless, the last meeting was on September 6th, not the 7th.

Review and Approval of Amended Minutes (August 16, 2001):

Dan Aycock motioned to approve the amended August 16, 2001 minutes as written. Dan LaRoche seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Bob Oenning reported that there is no old business at this time.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Ad Hoc – Bob Oenning

Bob Oenning reported that the subcommittee has not met since last time. The State office is preparing the supplemental as requested. The state office is waiting for information from the telephone companies that is needed to estimate the cost of the intertandem transfer upgrades.

Jon Kaino stated that the counties are starting to budget for 2002. Most of the counties will be receiving salary assistance for the first half of the year, but they are not sure what they are going to do for the last half of the year. Jon Kaino asked for some guidance from the state office on what these counties are suppose to do for the second half of the year. Bob Oenning noted the problem and committed to getting estimates based on implementing the new WAC to counties, hopefully in October.

Wireless – Marlys Davis

Marlys Davis reported that SSB 6034 was in the Senate Rules Committee at the end of the 2001 session. The bill will retain its current status at the beginning of the 2002 legislative session. There was a request from Marlys for the counties to try and gain support for this bill. The Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee met on September 7, 2001 and placed the bill on their priority list. Cingular, Sprint PCS, and Inland Cellular have indicated that they will support this bill. Nextel, AT&T Wireless, and Cricket Communications have indicated that they will remain neutral on this bill, and we have not heard from the other wireless carriers at this time. The workgroup has not heard if there will be anyone opposing the bill. Marlys stated that there is some talk that the Trade Tower incident may increase support for the bill, because there were cell phones that were used during the flights and at the incident.

The Department of Revenue is proposing a bill next year to implement the Federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act. The language in two of the sections of their proposed bill conflicts with the language in SSB 6034. Marlys made the recommendation to DOR to change their language to match that of SSB 6034 so that there will not be any confusion.

The Wireless workgroup discussed the issues surrounding the prepaid cellular issue. The recommendation of the workgroup is not to address this issue at the time in the SSB 6034. It was felt that this should be addressed at a later time once national standards for addressing the issue have been determined.

Phase I agreements are completed and ready for signature with three of the carriers, AT&T Wireless, VoiceStream, and Qwest Wireless. Work is still being done with Sprint PCS, Cingular, NexTel and Verizon. Inland Cellular, Rural Cellular, and US West Cellular have not yet responded. Marlys encouraged counties who have placed Phase I orders with these carriers to contact them and encourage them to complete the agreements.

Cricket Communications is a new company in the state servicing the Spokane area. Marlys has send them the Phase I agreement, but she has not heard anything at this time.

Marlys stated that, Kurt Hardin said that the state office is planning to visit the counties to try and help them overcome the hold-ups in ordering Phase I. VoiceStream reported that all counties that have ordered Phase I from them have been sent the agreements, and they have not heard back from most of the counties at this time.

Marlys reported that the state office has met with the new Attorney General (Sara Finlay) and she has agreed to meet with the county prosecutors and work out any issues they have with the agreements.

Phase I implementation issue that is causing a problem is carriers using dialable telephone numbers as pseudo ANIs [PANI]. It is costly for the carriers to have to provide the many telephone numbers needed for Phase I. Also, some wireless carriers have assigned PANI numbers to customers and when people call that number, they get a PSAP. There was a recommendation from the wireless workgroup that the state office take on the task of assigning non-dialable NPA-511-NNNN numbers to the wireless carriers. There are many issues to be worked out with this, but the Committee agreed that the State Office should work on this plan.

Strategic Planning – Marj Williams

The committee met last on September 5th. Marj presented the final draft of the Statewide Enhanced 911 Strategic Plan [Encl 1]. There was some discussion on the vagueness of the plan. It was stated by Marj and confirmed by the committee that it is vague for lots of reasons, the main one being to assure that it fits all the needs of all counties, well into the future.

Jon Kaino motioned to adopt the Strategic Plan and to thank the committee for all of their hard work. Dan LaRoche seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marj wanted to remind the committee that there needs to be a Standards Workgroup adopted and started at the next Advisory Committee.

Training – Chris Fischer

Chris stated that the training committee will be meeting tomorrow (September 21). There was a regional trainer meeting during the second week of September to get some feedback from the people that are participating in the regional training sites and program. This will be one of the topics of the meeting tomorrow.

Technical – Bob Connell

Bob Connell was not present at the meeting. The technical committee has not met and there was nothing to report at this time.

STATE OFFICE REPORTS:

Legislative Update:

The E911 wireless equalization tax bill, which is still alive in committee, should be reintroduced when the session begins in January.

The 0.1% Local Option Sales Tax will be on the agenda for legislative support by several counties this year.

On the federal side, there are a lot of budgeting initiatives taking place. Proposed funding to the Department of Transportation (DOT) includes a commitment that they are going to help and support 911 systems with some funding.

There was the issue brought up about the recording of phone calls outgoing from the PSAP. WSP has the attorney general looking into this issue. Clark county and the EMD attorney will

cooperate on a report concerning the practices. Dan LaRoche stated that he will find out if this relates to other statues dealing with recording and get back to the committee.

Financial Status:

Catherine Bartholomew reported on the state office financial status, including the end of biennium balances [Encl 2-4].

National Issues:

Bob Oenning stated that the reaction to the World Trade Center incident may be a positive for the 911 community and particularly getting things passed in congress.

The use of wireless non-initialized sets continues to get attention by the FCC, since they cannot comply with Phase I or II rules. Some of the carriers have started giving out non-initialized sets for charity purposes that actually have a preset numbers to permit compliance.

ComCARE Alliance is working diligently for the 911 communities. There will be a meeting in November for interested parties here in SeaTac.

The Wireless waiver requests continue to be filed, but both congress and groups such as the AARP are voicing opposition.

The National Emergency Number Association's report card is available on their homepage at www.NENA.org.

NEW Business:

Jon Kaino read a letter that was placed on his desk regarding the E911 program being transferred to the Washington State Patrol [Encl 5]. There was some discussion on this issue, which ended with a firm indication that the transfer was not being considered and a clear indication that it would be opposed.

Millie Tirapelle took a new job in the state of Oregon. Since Millie is the co-chair of the Advisory Committee there was discussion about who would be taking her place. Chris Fischer (chair) will not be at the October Advisory Committee meeting and this needed to be addressed.

Jon Kaino motioned for Naomi Wu to step into the co-chair position until the election of the new Chair and Co-Chair in December 2001. Jeanne Massingham seconded the motion. The motioned carried.

Bob Oenning and Chris Fischer gave a presentation to the Emergency Management Council about the Enhanced 911 program on September 6th. The EMC was very interested and asked many questions about issues such as wireless.

The next meeting will be held THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2001 at THE RADISSON SEATAC HOTEL.

ACTION ITEMS:

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